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Dear CTE Students and Families:

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School is NOT closed, the buildings are closed. As the new Career and Technology Education (CTE) Director for the Somerville Public Schools, I am writing this letter to keep you apprised of our plans to begin the phased re-opening of our Center for Career and Technical Education. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all you are doing to support your child during this most difficult time. We know it is not easy learning new platforms and taking on this new role with your child while maintaining your homes, families, and jobs on your own. We also want to thank you for supporting our teachers as they transition from our traditional in-person/hands-on instruction into distance learning.

Remote Learning: Distance Learning (Sept-Dec. 2020) CTE education at Somerville is a service to which our school district is resolutely committed. To that end, we are shifting our traditional education model from the classroom with four walls to on-line distance learning. We are taking this strategic approach to continue to provide quality instruction to our students in a safe and welcoming environment. During Remote Learning (Sept-Dec. 2020) our CTE teachers will continue providing engaging lessons for the courses they teach. We will also post “Teacher Office Hours” times. These scheduled opportunities will allow your student to directly interact with their teacher and gain immediate feedback and response regarding their educational objectives. During the CTE online instructional component, teachers will require student submission of their online work and evidence of mastery of program concepts. We are asking our teachers to assign and record grades as this will let us and you know if your student is actively engaged during Phase I.

Our CTE instructional staff have and will continue to develop their skills for providing instruction to our students in an online environment. Our CTE team will work with your student to make sure they are fully acquainted with the online platform(s) they will be using and are equipped with the proper device and software.

Hybrid (Tentative date, aligning with opening of new building and COVID-19 Restrictions): Projected Opening of New Career and Technical Education Center (approx. January 2021) Students returning to in-person/hands-on instruction and co-operative placement activities. Upon returning to in person/hands-on instruction further adjustments may have to be made per published and practicing COVID 19 safety and health guidelines for schools, students, and teachers. Details to follow as we approach January 2021.

Thank you for your understanding during this most difficult time, our teachers are ready to provide a meaningful and well-planned CTE educational experience for your child. Please feel to contact me with questions

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